

ELSHOLTZIA CILIATA IN ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS — In September of 1958 Mr. Francis C. Wade gave me a specimen of a small weed which Mrs. Ralph Foster had found growing in her flower garden on Main Street in Rowley, Massachusetts. While taking out some class material from the Labiatae covers in the herbarium a few days later I happened on to a specimen from Japan of the same plant so that identification was much easier than is often the case with adventives. ELSHOLTZIA CILIATA (Thunb.) Hylander is a native of Asia which has become naturalized in Temiscouata County, Quebec. In the Gray Herbarium and the Herbarium of the New England Botanical Club there are only five collections from the United States: Devil's Lake, Wisconsin; New Limerick, Maine; Chelsea, Vermont; and Fitchburg and Revere, Massachusetts. It is an annual with peculiar one-sided spikes of very small flowers which are almost hidden by broad bracts. A specimen has been deposited in the herbarium of the New England Botanical Club. Weed in garden, Main Street, Rowley, Essex County, Massachusetts, *Francis C. Wade 18774* (22 September 1958); same locality, *Francis C. Wade, Stuart K. Harris 18799* (26 September 1958). — STUART K. HARRIS, BOSTON UNIVERSITY.